

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-21 are pending and under consideration.

The §103 rejections are respectfully traversed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites an overfeeding printing area that is greater than a normal printing area printed by the nozzles alone. The Examiner relies upon Yanagi. However, this reference teaches a same printing area for normal and nozzle-shifted printing. Specifically, Fig. 10A of Yanagi teaches an operative nozzle area including 6 "boxes" as measured in the vertical direction. Fig. 10C of Yanagi relates to "after nozzle shift printing" and also includes 6 boxes of printing. Although a "nozzle correction amount" is shown in Fig. 10C, this area does not relate to a printing area. Instead, this relates to the shifting of the image printing position. Yanagi, col. 12, ln. 23-30.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

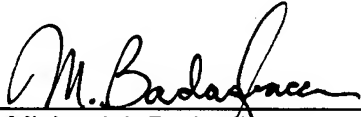
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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